

**ABSTRACT**

A novel microtube is provided comprising: a container having an open end defining an opening for receiving materials to be contained, and a closed end; and a lid adapted to make closing contact with the opening of the container; wherein the lid is provided with a flange extending outwardly therefrom, and arranged to move towards the closed end of the container upon application of a mechanical force to a surface of the flange so as to remove the closing contact, whereby the container is opened.

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